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Importance of "Side Tracking" for Duodenal Ulcer Emphasized.

CAUSE OF GROWTHS
STILL UNSOLVED

"Twilight Zone" Said to Hinder Treatment—Wives Dine and See "Peter Pan."

The danger of cancerous growths in the stomach and intestines, resulting from ulcers and other irritations, was dwelt upon yesterday by Dr. William J. Mayo, of Rochester, and other surgeons at the continuation of the fourth annual congress of the International Surgical Association at the Hotel Astor.

For practically the first time since the operation was known, however, the practice of gastro-enterostomy—the operation of "side-tracking" the stomach by connecting the upper food passages with the intestines—was emphasized in a discussion of stomach operations. The importance of this method was fully realized when Dr. Mayo, Dr. F. de Quervain, of Basel, Switzerland; Dr. Henry Hartmann, and Dr. P. Levene, of Paris, and Dr. E. P. Barr, of Leipzig, Germany, read their papers on gastric and duodenal ulcers.

With the elimination of the technical terms, the danger of the mysterious disease of cancer of the stomach was often removed, it was said, when the upper opening of the stomach was connected directly with the upper intestines and the stomach "side-tracked" until it had a chance to heal.

"Because of the menace of cancer," said Dr. Mayo, "all ulcers of the stomach, without regard to their situation, should be excised if possible. As a rule, gastro-enterostomy (the placing of the upper part of the intestine in position to receive the food from the new opening to the stomach) should be done in addition to the excision."

The apparent simplicity of this treatment was driven away by his words when he added that the surgeon is confronted with a difficult condition at the start in any consideration of gastric or duodenal ulcers by the fact that so little is known of their cause.

Dr. Mayo rather mystified his hearers by saying that "the large number of supposed stomach or intestinal ulcers in women was simply due to pyloric spasms," and then whimsically adding, "whatever they may be." Pyloric ulcers, he naturally did not think necessary to explain, are those occurring on the pylorus, the connection between the lower end of the esophagus and the mouth of the stomach.

The same "twilight zone" of cancer which has hindered the efforts to find a positive method of successful treatment for that malignant growth somewhat exists in the case of the simpler form of tissue trouble known as ulcer.

Dr. Barr gave the two principal theories of their beginnings—one that they are caused by lesions (breaks in the tissue) or are due to some nervous strain. But he added that neither of these theories is sufficient to explain every case, and many points in gastro-duodenal biological chemistry are still unexplained.

Dr. Howard Lilienthal, of New York, favored a double operation in the removal of ulcer-bearing tissues of the stomach—the second when the patient had recovered strength after the first.

The visiting surgeons prefaced their discussion of the papers on ulcers by visits to the offices of St. Luke's, Presbyterian and New York hospitals to observe every-day methods of hospital practice.

Mrs. William J. Mayo, wife of the surgeon, gave a luncheon at noon at the Hotel Baltimore to 150 of the wives and other members of the families of the surgeons, and afterward there was a special performance of "Peter Pan," which nearly all attended.

In the evening the surgeons from other countries and their wives were the guests of the American Surgical Association at a special performance at the Metropolitan Opera House.

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TOLMAN'S AUTO HITS NUN

Money Lender's Car Runs Down Sister Mary Eleanor.

(From The Tribune Correspondent.)
Montclair, N. J., April 14.—Sister Mary Eleanor, of the Boys' Orphan Home, of Kearny, was struck by an automobile owned by Daniel H. Tolman, the money lender, recently released from Blackwell's Island, this afternoon on Bloomfield avenue. She was passing in front of a garage as the automobile, in charge of Tolman's chauffeur, Frederick Schwartz, turned to enter the place. She endeavored to get out of the way of the car, but was struck by the fender and hurled to the ground.

The car struck the plate glass window in the front of the garage, and the broken glass fell in a shower about her as she lay on the sidewalk.

Chief of Police Gallagher, who witnessed the accident, had the sister placed in the Tolman automobile and Schwartz drove her to Mount Sinai Hospital, where it was found that Sister Eleanor had no broken bones, but was suffering from shock and probable internal injuries. Schwartz was released on his own recognizance.

DIES AFTER 24 OPERATIONS

Woman, Cancer Victim, Under Knife Six Years.

Within six years Mrs. Mary Steffen Wilson, thirty years old, wife of James W. Wilson, of Rappleyea ave., Corona, underwent twenty-four operations. She died in the German Skin and Cancer Hospital, in Manhattan, on Monday night.

Mrs. Wilson's ill health was caused by a fall. Her spine was injured and shortly afterward she underwent her first operation.

A year later three operations followed in quick succession, and finally cancer developed. Since then she passed most of her time in hospitals.

VALLON, NERVOUS,
HIDES FOR AWHILE

Man Accused as Slayer in "Chair" Confession Shrinks from Public Gaze.

Harry Vallon, whom "Dago Frank" Cirofici named as one of the actual slayers of Herman Rosenthal in his confession made an hour before he was put to death for his own part in the crime, will remain under cover, at least, until the present spell of renewed interest in the case has died down. It was said by a friend of his yesterday that he was in a highly nervous condition.

"I don't blame him," he said, "when you come to think that 'Dago Frank' who has convinced the public at least that he was not even at the scene of the crime, was put to death, while Vallon, who was just as guilty as Frank in that he was in the conspiracy, is remaining absolutely free."

Bernard Sandler, Vallon's lawyer, said that he could produce him any time the District Attorney wanted him. But for the present he would remain away, even though his wife lies dangerously ill.

"He is within an hour of the city," Sandler said. "But he has nothing to fear. He will even surrender his immunity if that is wanted. His immunity was given him on the understanding that he did not fire a shot himself, and he stands by that."

"He has no fear that the contrary can be proved. Of course, although Frank's statement accusing him has no legal value, it has a tremendous effect on public opinion, and Vallon feels that deeply."

SCHULER PRESIDENT
OF AUTHORS' LEAGUE

Writers Meet, Denounce Sociability and Hold Reception at Headquarters.

The Authors' League of America held a business meeting yesterday afternoon. These authors can be just as businesslike as anything when they want to, and they got together and re-elected last year's officers just as nonchalantly as the members of a Wall Street interlocking directorate perpetuating themselves in office.

The only change is the substitution of Eric Schuler for Ellis Parker Butler as secretary and treasurer. Winston Churchill remains president, and Theodore Roosevelt holds on to the vice-presidency, although he won't know it for several weeks. The four honorary vice-presidents also remain stationary.

After the election the authors felicitated themselves on the progress of the last year and then entered into a debate as to whether the league should become a quasi social organization or continue as a strict business proposition. It was decided not to let pleasure interfere with business.

By way of proving that there will be nothing of a social nature connected with the league the authors thereupon got together and held a reception last evening. This happened at the league quarters, the old Washington Irving home, at Irving Place and 17th st.

A few of the receptioners were Mary Heaton Vorse and Oswald, Joseph O'Brien, Walter Prichard Eaton, Gledits Burgess, Alice Duer Miller, A. E. MacFarlane, Leroy Scott and Morgan Robertson.

EVERETT ELECTED MAJOR

Captain of Co. D, 69th, Received 16 of the 26 Ballots.

Captain John P. Everett, who commands Company D, 69th Infantry, N. G. N. Y., has just been elected major, to succeed Philip E. Reville, resigned. He received 16 of the 26 ballots cast. His opponents—Captain William E. Morris and Captain Timothy J. Moynahan—received 7 and 3 votes, respectively.

Major-elect Everett, who is a lawyer, joined the 69th as a first lieutenant in Company I, November 23, 1904, and was elected captain of Company D October 26, 1908. Major Everett, it is expected, will make his first appearance in his new office at the review of the regiment by Brigadier General John G. Eddy, 2d Brigade, in the armory on Monday night, April 27.

FEAR FOR FAMILY
SILENCED GUNMAN

'Bodies Would Be Dismembered,' Said 'Dago Frank,' if He Told All.

SISTER CAUTIONED AS
SHE REPEATS STORY

Last Talks with Brother in the Death House Described in Furtive Way.

Mary Cirofici, sister of "Dago Frank," one of the four gunmen executed on Monday for the murder of Herman Rosenthal, told yesterday of the last efforts of her mother and herself to save her brother from the electric chair. In telling her story she included the confession made by her brother in the presence of Warden Clancy and Father Cashion, his spiritual adviser, less than an hour before he was put to death.

The young woman refrained from mentioning those named by "Dago Frank" as having fired the shots at Rosenthal. John Cirofici, a brother, interrupted her several times.

"Why not let the whole world know? What's the difference?" he asked.

He was quieted by Mary, who put her hand on his shoulder and cautioned him to be quiet, saying: "We are doing Frank's will."

Miss Cirofici said "Frank exonerated Becker of any blame. His words, according to her, were: 'From what I heard in the death cell from the other boys, I cannot believe that he was the instigator, but it was a gambler's row. Becker was in a position to help the gamblers, but he refused, and they decided to put him in a fix.'"

Knew More Than He Told.

"He said to us," she continued: "I have become a Roman Catholic, and have received the last sacrament. I am ready to go to my Maker. I am glad I am going." He looked like a cherub, for the light of God was surely upon him. We said to him, 'Frank, do not leave us with something on your heart. Tell it to us. Don't hide anything.'"

"Mama," he said, "I die an innocent man. I could talk, but I won't. What I know I know from hearsay, not from fact. Some of the things I believe and some I don't. Why should I talk and send others to their death? If I should get out of here it will mean my death anyway, and that death would not be the holy one which I am about to have."

Feared for Family.

"I could have told long ago," he replied. "You and mother and brother have lived in respectable homes and among respectable people and have lived respectable lives. I have had a taste of the other cold world, but if I told all the bodies of my family would be dismembered. I go to God like an angel. I have no malice, not even toward those who sent me here."

"We asked him again if he had anything to divulge. He looked straight at us and said: 'Before going to my death I will say two are guilty and another besides myself is innocent.'"

HURTS BECKER,
SAYS WHITMAN

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ing, and then the Governor will commute your sentences."

Gunmen's Plans Failed.

"Lefty Louie," speaking for the other men, replied:

"No, we are all in it just as much as you are, and if you have to die, we'll all go with you."

The record of the testimony of "Gyp the Blood" at the trial was referred to as showing that Frank's statement that he was notified of the arrest of "his girl," Jean Gordon, prior to the shooting and went uptown to bail her out, which accounted for his not being at the scene of the murder, was not true.

"Gyp" testified that a messenger came to the Seventh avenue flat where Frank lived, and where the gunmen went after the shooting at 3 o'clock in the morning, with a message for Frank about the Gordon girl's arrest. The District Attorney has found the messenger boy who delivered the message.

Mr. Whitman was asked what he thought of Frank's statement that Vallon had fired at Rosenthal.

"I think 'Dago Frank' was there and fired a shot, and I don't doubt that Vallon was there," said the District Attorney. "But that Vallon did any shooting is almost impossible of belief. I don't believe Vallon ever fired a revolver in his life. He hasn't the nerve."

"The idea that this poor, cowardly creature, such as Vallon is, went there to shoot Rosenthal is ludicrous. I have no sympathy for Vallon or the three other witnesses who told their part in the murder plot as state witnesses, but they did not have criminal records, whatever else you may say about them, while these four men who were executed had unusually bad records, and were known to be professional gunmen. I believe Vallon told the truth."

Answer in Becker Case.

The District Attorney said that the prosecution never contended that "Dago Frank" knew Becker, and that there was no evidence at the trial to show that he did. He said that he believed that two of the gunmen did know Becker, but that probably Cirofici did not.

be sought. It is intended to use Vallon as a witness as well as Rose and Becker. But Schepps may not be essential to the people's case at this trial.

The Cirofici statement cannot be used as evidence, in the opinion of the District Attorney, and even if it were introduced the evidence would not be admissible, as the important parts of it are based purely on hearsay.

It is the District Attorney's understanding that there was no written statement signed by Cirofici, but that the Warden and others who heard him talk got together after his death and wrote out what they remembered he said.

HARTIGAN DRAWS A PLUM

Made Commissioner of Weights and Measures by the Mayor.

Mayor Mitchell has appointed Joseph Hartigan, a former law partner of Supreme Court Justice John J. Delany, to the Commissioner of Weights and Measures. Mr. Hartigan succeeds John L. Walsh, who recently resigned. He is thirty-three years old and a graduate of New York University Law School. He served as second lieutenant in the 23d Regiment, New York Volunteer Infantry, during the Spanish-American War. He is an independent Democrat, and lives at 234 West 92d st. The position pays \$5,000 a year.

BELIEVES GUNMEN'S
EXECUTION WRONG

Commissioner Davis Would Have Had Them Held as Defectives.

Miss Katherine B. Davis, Commissioner of Correction, is opposed to capital punishment. She gave out an interview yesterday remarkable for the ideas of corrective punishment she has evolved from years spent studying criminals.

In her belief it would have been better to treat the gunmen as mental defectives and lock them up for observation. If they could have been cured, Miss Davis believes, they should have been released to join society again.

"Their death taught no lesson. Except that revenge is triumphant. It will serve no purpose of warning to others. Killing men for murder has not decreased the number of murders. The severity of punishment never regulates the extent of crime."

"A person who commits murder is either a hopeless degenerate or a simple defective who might be corrected. Every feeble-minded child has the possibility of murder in its make-up. Such children should be examined and placed in institutions before they grow up and commit crime. It is easy to detect a deficient child, but later it becomes hard."

"When men and women are convicted of murder they should be placed under the observation of a representative board that might be called the board of rehabilitation. The object of the board would be to build up human beings who have gone awry."

"Gyp the Blood" should never have been executed. He was before Judge Hoyt in the Children's Court a year before the Rosenthal murder and was on the verge of being sent away as a defective. He might be a good citizen to-day. Judge Hoyt at the time said "Gyp the Blood" was a defective and prophesied he would commit some crime."

TITANIC LOST 2 YEARS AGO

Second Anniversary Finds \$18,000,000 Claims Pending.

This is the second anniversary of the loss of the Titanic, with 1,517 of her passengers and crew. It was on Sunday night, April 14, 1912, that the giant White Star liner struck the iceberg. Early next morning she foundered, resulting in the greatest sea tragedy of history.

The total damages for loss of life, property and personal injury against the White Star Line were \$18,000,000. The liability problems were referred late last year to the United States Supreme Court to determine whether the line will have to pay \$24,000 for injuries and loss of life and property in accordance with the United States statute, or whether it will have to meet damages of \$18,000,000 under English law.

POLICE CALLED TO HANDLE
CROWDS AT GUNMEN'S BURIAL

Thousands of the Curious File Past Pine Coffins of "Dago Frank" and "Gyp the Blood"—Horowitz and "Whitey Lewis" Lie Side by Side.

Only one of the four gunmen who paid the penalty with their lives for the murder of Herman Rosenthal remained buried last night. This was Frank Cirofici, "Dago Frank." His body was removed early yesterday afternoon from the undertaking establishment of W. J. Boyd, 18th st. and Belmont ave. to the home of his parents, 390 East 18th st.

So many persons wanted to see the face of the dead man that the family consented to let them enter the parlor of the establishment and view his remains. At 11 o'clock the police reserves of the line and passed through the front entrance, glanced at the face of the corpse in the brown coffin and left by a rear door.

The funeral will be held from the 18th st. address some time to-day. A requiem mass will be read by the Rev. Father Caspaci in the Lady of Carmel Church, 18th st. and Belmont ave. Burial will be in St. Raymond's Cemetery, West Chester. The Rev. Father Cashion, Catholic chaplain of Sing Sing, who administered the last sacrament in the death house, will attend the funeral.

The remains of Harry Horowitz, "Gyp the Blood" and "Whitey" Lewis Seldenshner, now lie side by side in Mount Zion Cemetery, Maspeth. Horowitz's body was viewed by thousands during the night and early morning in the undertaking parlor of Samuel Rothschild, 308 Lenox ave. The plain pine casket supplied by the prison, was covered with a black shroud when it was carried to the hearse.

In the days prior to the Rosenthal murder Horowitz was well known in the neighborhood of the undertaking shop.

SHAY QUITS BECKER;
'TOO MUCH BROTHER'

Detective Overzealous Says Lawyer Retiring Before New Trial.

MANTON TO TAKE
PLACE, IT IS SAID

Whitman Investigating Witnesses for Gunmen with View to Prosecution.

After a long conference with Charles Becker in the Tombs yesterday Joseph A. Shay, the lawyer who obtained a new trial for him, announced his withdrawal from the case. Shay said he was leaving the case because of the meddlesome attitude of John Becker, the defendant's brother, who is a detective attached to the West 30th st. station.

Martin T. Manton, of Cockran & Manton, of 31 Nassau st., will probably succeed Shay as counsel. District Attorney Whitman said yesterday that he had not been informed of Manton's coming into the case, but that he had received a telephone communication from the lawyer and expected to see him to-day.

Meanwhile the District Attorney is investigating the testimony of the witnesses, Burwell, Dresner, Kalmanson and "Pinky" Rao, who made affidavits to support the motion for a new trial for the four gunmen before Justice Goff on Saturday. Shay denied yesterday that he had anything to do with them, and said it was John Becker who discovered the witnesses Burwell and Dresner.

The inquiry may lead to a grand jury investigation and indictments for perjury or bribery. Assistant District Attorney Delehanty said that they already had evidence of the falsity of the testimony of Burwell, Dresner and Rao.

The District Attorney's office communicated with the Mrs. Brown, of Poughkeepsie, to whom Burwell swore he gave a memorandum book in which he had made notes of what he saw of the Rosenthal shooting, and she replied that no such notes were in the book when Burwell gave it to her. Burwell produced the book at the hearing before Justice Goff and explained the absence of the notes by saying that some of the leaves had become loosened and fallen out. The District Attorney has also been in touch with the actor Manning, whom Burwell testified he was with for some time on the night of the shooting. It is understood Manning has denied his part in Burwell's story.

"Pinky" Rao testified that he delivered a note to "Dago Frank" from Jean Gordon at the Seventh ave. flat where Frank lived, telling of her arrest, on the night Rosenthal was shot. The District Attorney has information to refute the possibility of Rao delivering the note as early as he said he did, and showing that it did not reach the Seventh ave. place until 3 o'clock a. m., or later.

In giving his reasons for withdrawing from the Becker case Mr. Shay said that ever since he had taken the case he had been harassed and bothered by the overzealousness of John Becker. As late as June, 1912, he said, he had written a letter to Mr. Charles Becker telling her he would have to withdraw, because the conduct of John Becker was a menace to his brother's case.

Shay said that he had been to District Attorney Whitman several times to straighten out his own position in the case because of some compromising and embarrassing thing that John Becker had done.

"Charlie" and Mrs. Becker begged me to reconsider my withdrawal," said Shay. "But I told them the attitude of John Becker was likely to reflect on the honest conduct of the trial and that I wanted no part in it. Of course, he's 'Charlie's' brother, and no doubt thinks everything he does is for the best, but he has been indiscreet and shows an absolute lack of judgment. John Becker's eagerness to help is likely to create a false impression at his brother's trial, I believe."

Shay said that he had taken John Becker to District Attorney Whitman's office on one occasion, in order to "exonerate" himself.

"I don't remember any such call. It sounds like nonsense. I never 'exonerated' Shay, and I have never made any charges against him," said Mr. Whitman when told what Shay had said.

When John Becker was told what Shay had said about him he insisted that he would not comment on anything Shay might say.

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THAW WINS WRIT,
BUT NOT FREEDOM

Habeas Corpus Plea Granted While Prisoner Is Held Pending Appeal.

EXTRADITION NOT FOR INSANITY

Judge Avers Slayer of Stanford White Would Not Be Dangerous if at Large.

Concord, N. H., April 14.—The plea of Harry Kendall Thaw for freedom was successful to-day, Judge Edgar Aldrich, of the United States District Court, granting his petition for a writ of habeas corpus, but Thaw himself failed to win his freedom, the court deciding not to discharge the prisoner from custody until the United States Supreme Court can get the case on appeal.

The only advantage to Thaw, therefore, since the court's action leaves his guardianship and condition unchanged, is that his petition for a writ of habeas corpus will go to the highest court in the land with the decision of the lower court in his favor.

The decision filed with the clerk of the court here makes more than ten thousand words and discusses exhaustively the various phases of the case presented in the United States court, ending as follows:

"My conclusion is that the constitutional right of extradition for crime does not reasonably apply to such a situation as this, where the right of control by the demanding state (New York) resides in a degree of custody based on insanity, and where its papers upon their face negative the idea of personal criminal responsibility. It is further thought that it would involve forced or national reasoning to make a fight of the character of the one in question the kind of a fight contemplated by the constitution as a basis for extradition."

"It results that an order will be made

sustaining the writ and that the petitioner be discharged from the extradition process under which he was held at the time his petition for habeas corpus was brought upon constitutional grounds.

"It has been understood from the beginning that, whichever way this case was decided by me, it would be taken to the Supreme Court. Therefore, no formal order will be made either sustaining the writ or discharging the petitioner until the aggrieved party has had an opportunity to perfect its appeal."

The court says that the report of the commission, supplemented by his own observation at the several hearings, satisfied him that any supposed danger to the community through Thaw's liberty was so remote as not to warrant his being deprived of bail upon that ground.

Washington, April 14.—Only by extraordinary steps can the Thaw case be considered by the Supreme Court before October, as the court plans to suspend hearing all cases on Friday, April 24, and hear no more argument until October, unless some extraordinary occasion should demand it. That would probably mean that Thaw must remain in custody until at least October. Those best posted on the court's procedure predict it may be Christmas before the Supreme Court passes upon the case finally.

ASKS AID FOR PRISON SICK

Hospital Saturday Ass'n Urges Action in Workhouse Case.

The trustees of the Hospital Saturday and Sunday Association elected Bradley Martin, Jr., to their membership yesterday.

The board congratulated the Commissioner of Charities on giving publicity to the bad conditions on Blackwell's Island, and urged the Mayor and Board of Estimate to take action regarding the hospitalists there.

Speaking of patients who sometimes have to be refused admission to the hospitals, Julius Stursberg, treasurer of the German Hospital, said: "More aid is made over one such case than over a thousand patients treated free." Arnold Wood said there was no justification for charges of heartlessness, but that the voluntary hospitals could not maintain full wards on empty treasuries.

Charles Lanier, treasurer of the association, said its distribution to the hospitals this year, despite hard times, would probably reach \$10,000 more than ever before.

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